Jennings County Commissioner Meeting June 27, 2019 6:30PM

The meeting was opened with Matt Sporleder leading the pledge.

The meeting was then turned over to Attorney Chris Doran. He is representing the county as Ellie Bright is on maternity leave. Chris opened up the meeting with a speech welcoming any comments from the public. He also stated that no questions could be answered and no response could be given on any ongoing employment issues.

First on the agenda was Jeff Burgmeier. Jeff thanked the commissioners for allowing him to speak in support of Nolan Stanley. He spoke on his experiences with Nolan and how much he has benefited from Nolan being the Veterans Service Officer. Many other Veterans were in attendance and spoke on their support for Nolan.

Next, Dave Turner requested the commissioner's approval to allow retired Sheriff Steve Hoppock to retain his duty weapon. He also requested approval on allowing an officer who has served 20 years of service locked into their retirement in Jennings County to retain their duty weapon as well. Bob Willhite made a motion to allow retired Sheriff Steve Hoppock to receive his duty weapon. Dave Lane seconded. Motion passed with a unanimous vote. Bob Willhite also made a motion to allow officers with 20 years of service with the Sheriff's Office to retain their duty weapon. Dave Lane seconded. Motion was passed with a unanimous vote. Dave Turner then spoke on the need for a piece of land to use as a shooting range for officers. It is currently done on a reserve officer's land. Matt suggested Dave take a look at some county owned land.

Next on the agenda was Peggy Roe with the Health Department. She wants to hire a PRN nurse who will be paid through a grant. She has received approval from the state. Bob Willhite made a motion to allow the Health Department to hire a PRN nurse. Dave Lane seconded. Motion was passed with a unanimous vote.

Auditor Salsman then presented the Commissioners with the Highway Departments budget. Jim Reeves requested that the Commissioners review and approve the budget for 2020. Bob Willhite made a motion to approve the Highway budget. Dave Lane seconded. Motion was passed with a unanimous vote.

Next Auditor Salsman came before the Commissioners asking permission to fill the available full time position in her office. Once this position is filled another position will be left open. Bob Willhite made a motion to approve

filling the full time position. Dave Lane seconded. Motion was passed with a unanimous vote. Since this will leave a vacant opening in the Auditor's office,

Auditor Salsman would like to use that money to hire WTH to take care of mapping the surveys. The cost for 2019 would be \$4,500 and would be raised to \$9,000 for the 2020 year. Along with that she would like to bring on Data Pitstop. Data Pitstop would be beneficial to the Recorder, Treasurer, and Area Plan. Every department would be able to log their capital assets. This program has a onetime fee of \$6,000 for the excise tax program and \$2,000 for the web based program. The total cost for WTH and Data Pitstop is \$12,500. Bob Willhite made a motion to table this decision until the next meeting. Dave Lane seconded. Motion was passed with a unanimous vote.

Nicci Lucas then presented the Commissioners with a request from Recorder Mary Kilgore to hire a part time employee. Her current part time help gave her notice. This position is already budgeted. Bob Willhite made a motion to allow Mary to fill the position. Dave Lane seconded. Motion was passed with a unanimous vote.

Auditor Salsman requested signatures and approval on a contract with WTH to give them access to Corelogic. Bob Willhite made a motion to approve. Dave Lane seconded. Motion was passed with a unanimous vote.

Next Auditor Salsman presented the Commissioners with a contract with SRI. SRI is the tax sale vendor for the county. The fee amount would change from \$75 to \$100. Bob Willhite made a motion to approve the contract. Dave Lane seconded. Motion was passed with a unanimous vote.

Auditor Salsman then presented the Commissioners with an ordinance to increase the county sale tax fee to \$50. Another ordinance presented was to increase the Auditor's fee when recording a deed to \$10. The increase on Auditor's fee would be effective July 1. Bob Willhite made a motion to waive the first reading on both ordinances. Dave Lane seconded. Motion was passed with a unanimous vote. Bob Willhite made a motion to adopt the ordinance to increase the county sale tax fee. Dave Lane seconded. Motion was passed with a unanimous vote. Bob Willhite made a motion to adopt the ordinance raising the Auditor's fee. Dave Lane seconded. Motion was passed with a unanimous vote.

Next Auditor Salsman brought up an invoice that was dropped off in her office. The invoice was for infectious disease control for the Government Center. They didn't feel it was necessary. Bob Willhite made a motion to decline the quote. Dave Lane seconded. Motion was passed with a unanimous vote.

Bob Willhite made a motion to sign payroll and claims. Dave Lane seconded. Motion was passed with a unanimous vote.

Dave Lane made a motion to sign and approve prior minutes. Matt Sporleder seconded. Bob Willhite did not vote because he was not present at prior meeting.

Bob Willhite made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dave Lane seconded. Motion was passed with a unanimous vote.

Tessia Salsman, Auditor

Matt Sporleder, Commissioner President

Robert Willhite, Commissioner Vice-President

Dave Lane, Commissioner